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H. R. 4339

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs an Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2005

Mr. BUYER (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. HERSETH, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, and Mr. BAKER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Disabled Veterans
5 Sports and Special Events Promotion Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE OF**
2 **NATIONAL VETERANS SPORTS PROGRAMS**
3 **AND SPECIAL EVENTS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF NATIONAL VET-
5 ERANS SPORTS PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS.—

6 Chapter 3 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by
7 adding at the end the following new section:

8 **“§ 321. Office of National Veterans Sports Programs**
9 **and Special Events**

10 “(a) There is in the Department an Office of Na-
11 tional Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events.
12 There is at the head of the Office a Director.

13 “(b) Subject to the direction of the Secretary, the Di-
14 rector—

15 “(1) shall establish and carry out qualifying
16 programs and events;

17 “(2) may provide for sponsorship by the De-
18 partment of qualifying programs and events;

19 “(3) may provide for, facilitate, and encourage
20 participation by disabled veterans in qualifying pro-
21 grams and events; and

22 “(4) shall cooperate with the United States
23 Olympic Committee and its subsidiaries to promote
24 the participation of disabled veterans in sporting
25 events sponsored by the United States Olympic
26 Committee and its subsidiaries.

1 “(c) For purposes of this section, a qualifying pro-
2 gram or event is a sports program or other event in which
3 veterans with disabilities participate and that is approved
4 by the Secretary as being consistent with the goals and
5 missions of the Department.”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
7 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
8 at the end the following new item:

“321. Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events.”.

